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1. After suggested names of members to make up a Magistrat for the Russian Sector of Berlin were handed in by the SED, several meetings were held between the SED and SMA which culminated in a suggestion by the S'A that a committee of 18 be set up, composed of nine city deputies and nine citizens. This would be called the "people's committee" or "committee of eighteen" and would take over the city.
2. One Brandt of the CDU would be a member. The nine citizens would be chosen from the mass organizations (FDGB). It was intended that this committee should be set up on 26 August, but, as the City Assembly meeting was postponed, this did not happen.
3. At a meeting of the Berlin committee of SED on 28 August, the existence of the "committee of eighteen" was announced and the decision was taken to set up a committee immediately. The impression was to be given that the committee was not revolutionary, but rather concerned with making economic preparations for the coming winter.

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